

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 23 has been amended. Claims 9-20 and 23 are pending and under consideration.

The sole issue remaining in this application is an anticipation rejection of claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,320,909 to *Takabatake et al.*

Independent claim 23 has been amended to recite that the parameters of picture data include a plurality of peculiar play back flags. Antecedent basis for the peculiar play back flags can be found at page 51, lines 9 – 23 of the application and in Fig. 19. It should be noted that page 51, lines 9 – 23 relates to column 20, lines 19 – 32 of U.S. Patent 6,628,719, which issued from the parent application. The application describes and shows a repeat first field flag and a ½ slow play back command flag. The repeat first field flag may be used when a telecine conversion by the 3-2 pull down is performed. See page 9, line 25 – page 10, line 10 of the related application, for example. The slow play back command flag may be a ½ slow play back, a ¼ slow play back, etc. See Fig. 23, for example. Although the application shows and describes the repeat first field flag and the ½ slow play back command flag, the claims are certainly not restricted to the exact embodiment.

Amended claim 23 also recites a combination of states of said plurality of peculiar play back flags. In Fig. 19, the combination of states is shown by the combination of parameters. For example, the repeat first field flag and ½ slow play back command flag may have values of 0, 0. Alternatively, the repeat first field flag and ½ slow play back command flag may have values of 0, 1.

Claim 23 has also been amended to recite that the display control section determines the number of display fields in accordance with a combination of states of said plurality of peculiar play back flags. The Examiner again is referred to page 51, lines 9 – 23 of the application and Fig. 19.

Takabatake et al. does not disclose parameters of picture data including a plurality of peculiar play back flags. Col. 7, lines 39 – 51 and col. 20, line 51, to col. 21, line 4 describe that pulldown conversion information designates the display period for the corresponding frame. Perhaps the Examiner would argue that the pull down conversion information is analogous to a peculiar play back flag. However, the claims require a plurality of peculiar play back flags. Even if the pull down conversion information of the reference is related to a peculiar play back flag, the reference does not disclose a plurality of peculiar play back flags.

Moreover, the claims recite that the display section determines the number of display fields in accordance with a combination of states of the plurality of peculiar play back flags. Since

the reference does not disclose a plurality of peculiar play back flags, the reference certainly does not disclose determining the number of display fields in accordance with a combination of states of said plurality of peculiar play back flags. *Takabataka et al.* does not suggest that a plurality of play back flags can be executed correctly at the same time without neglecting one or more of the play back flags.

At least in view of this deficiency, it is submitted that the rejection should be withdrawn.

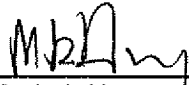
There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that affect is courteously solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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